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An appeal conference was held on the present application and it was determined that an interference should be set up. Based upon the "REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE WITH PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.607" filed October 26, 1999, a prima facie showing of prior invention has been made. Therefore, prosecution in this application is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 (SIX) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter. Upon suspension or termination of the interference, whichever is earlier, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul B. Prebille whose telephone number is (703) 308-2905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, McDermott Corrine, can be reached on (703) 308-2905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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